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East Germany and Czechoslovakia are maintaining, if not increasing, their political pressure on the Polish Government to put its house in order as soon as possible.

East German leader Honecker told party officials Monday that "we and our friends will make sure" that Poland remains inseparably bound to socialism. The remark, though clearly audible in the broadcast speech, was omitted from the official printed version.

Honecker also denounced "foreign reactionaries," especially the West Germans, for urging on "antisocialist, counterrevolutionary forces" in Poland. He repeated his remarks of last week that East Germany could not "remain indifferent" to the fate of Poland.

Honecker's threatening language toward Bonn suggests that East Germany will risk the economic benefits of inner-German detente--at least temporarily--to avoid "contagion" from abroad. The insecure regime fears both the appeal of West Germany to their own people and the instability in Poland.

Czechoslovak party leader Husak, in the same vein, attacked the West for attempting to "upset the unity of the socialist community" in a speech last week to the party central committee. Media commentaries and high-ranking party officials have drawn an analogy to similar interference in Czechoslovakia by the "enemies of socialism" in 1968. A Politburo member, who is considered close to Moscow, has assured the Polish Communist Party that it is "not alone" and hinted that "fraternal assistance" is available if needed.

The line being propagated by East Germany and Czechoslovakia probably was coordinated with Moscow and reflects the continuing deep Soviet concern over developments in Poland. These critical statements by Honecker and Husak--the first by any Warsaw Pact party leaders--reflect the continuing anxiety of Soviet leaders.

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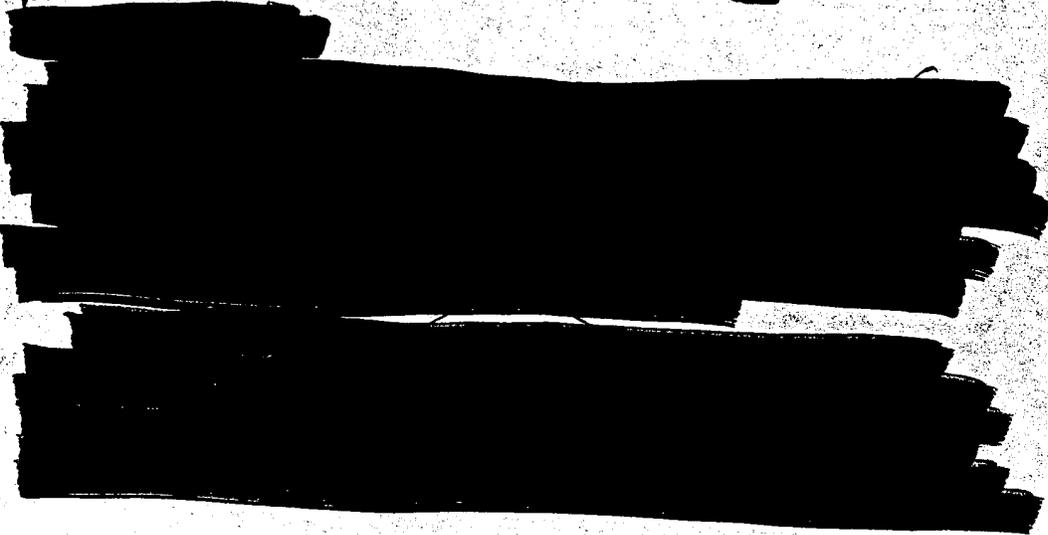
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Regime-Union Discussions

A spokesman for the independent trade union organization "Solidarity" announced yesterday that union leader Lech Walesa will meet with Head of State Jablonski on Saturday to discuss the Warsaw court's delay in registering the union. The court objected that the union's application made no mention of the leading role of the party and that the union has applied for registration as a nationwide rather than as a regional organization. The union leaders have described these objections as "political" rather than legal in nature. That the regime and union leaders are willing to discuss the differences suggests a compromise eventually might be arranged.

Three more provincial party first secretaries have "resigned," and further personnel changes at the local level are likely as the Kania regime continues its efforts to impress the populace that a "new team" with a new style of leadership is in place. The former head of the party central committee's cultural department was named first secretary in one of the provinces; his appointment is in line with the central leadership's claim that it is willing to consider changes in cultural policy.



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